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| For: POLISHING APPARATUS AND |) | |
| METHOD FOR FORMING AN |) | |
| <u>INTEGRATED CIRCUIT</u> |) | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND RCE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, and coincident with the RCE filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following amendments and remarks for allowance of the above-identified patent application.